- 10%, a body mass index greater than or equal to $25~kg/m^2$, and/or NASH Clinical Research Network (CRN) fibrosis stage 1-3.
- 15. The method of claim 14, wherein said hepatic fat fraction is determined by magnetic resonance imaging and/ or said NASH CRN fibrosis stage is determined by a liver biopsy.
- **16**. The method of claim **12**, wherein said modified FGF-21 polypeptide is administered at a frequency of about once per week.
- 17. The method of claim 12, wherein said modified FGF-21 polypeptide is administered at a frequency of about once per day, about twice per week, or about once per two weeks, about once per three weeks, or about once per four weeks.
- **18**. The method of claim **12**, wherein said modified FGF-21 polypeptide is administered in a dosage of about 20 mg per week.

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- **19**. The method of claim **12**, wherein said modified FGF-21 polypeptide is administered in a dosage of about 40 mg per week.
- 20. A method of treating NASH in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a modified FGF-21 polypeptide comprising the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:201, wherein the para-acetylphenylalanine residue thereof is linked to a poly(ethylene glycol) moiety having a molecular weight of about 30 kDa, wherein said modified FGF-21 polypeptide is administered by subcutaneous injection about once per week.
- **21**. The method of claim **20**, wherein said modified FGF-21 polypeptide is administered in a dosage of about 20 mg per week.
- 22. The method of claim 20, wherein said modified FGF-21 polypeptide is administered in a dosage of about 40 mg per week.

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